

SECOND CALLED SESSION

By LB Kulbak

H.C.R. No. 4

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock, founder of
2 the town of Wheelock in Robertson County, was one of the most
3 distinguished of Texas' early settlers as soldier, lawyer,
4 surveyor, educator, and Indian commissioner; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Wheelock was born on March 31, 1793, into an
6 aristocratic New England family, and he served in both the War of
7 1812 and the Black Hawk War as a regular U.S. Army officer; and

8 WHEREAS, He resigned his commission while stationed in Fort
9 Smith, Arkansas, to take part in the expansion and prosperity of
10 the developing Midwest; his wide-ranging business interests first
11 brought him to Texas in 1824, and he immigrated to the state in
12 1833; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Wheelock became one of the founding
14 colonizers of Robertson's colony; he founded the town of Wheelock,
15 complete with a log blockhouse as a defense against hostile
16 Indians, and the town later became an important way station and
17 legal center for the region, serving as county seat from 1850 to
18 1854; and

19 WHEREAS, He was a strong supporter of the Texas Revolution,
20 and he had the distinction of being chosen in 1835 for the Viesca
21 Committee of Safety and Correspondence, an early attempt to form a
22 provisional government in Texas; during hostilities with Mexico, he
23 was an active recruiter for the revolutionary army, commanded a
24 company of Texas Rangers, and attained the rank of colonel in the

1 Texian Army; and

2 WHEREAS, When Texas' independence was secured, Colonel
3 Wheelock took an active interest in establishing higher education
4 in the fledgling nation; he founded and served as president of the
5 Texas University Company and personally contributed substantial
6 acreage to what was perhaps the earliest serious attempt to found
7 an institution of higher education in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The many contributions of Colonel Wheelock to the
9 birth of the republic were memorialized during the Texas
10 Centennial, and a granite marker near his original settlement
11 attests to his official recognition as a leading citizen during the
12 formative years of this state; and

13 WHEREAS, It is settled policy that the heroes of the Texas
14 Revolution may be interred in a privileged section of the State
15 Cemetery and may be further honored by the erection of a suitable
16 monument, subject to the rules of Section 4.10, Article 601b,
17 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 71st Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby direct the State Purchasing and General Services Commission
20 to authorize the erection of a monument honoring Colonel
21 E. L. R. Wheelock in section "C" of the State Cemetery in Austin;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the site of the monument and all plans for its
24 design shall be subject to the approval of the State Purchasing and
25 General Services Commission, which may supervise and assist in the
26 project as appropriate; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That no state funding shall be allocated to the

1 construction or erection of this memorial; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the
3 chairman and commissioners of the State Purchasing and General
4 Services Commission as an official expression of the sentiment of
5 the Legislature of the State of Texas.

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By Subek

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Authorizing a monument honoring Colonel E. L. R. Wheelock in the state cemetery.

OCT 20 1989

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

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2. Read first time and referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported ☒ favorably ☐ unfavorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at _____:_____. M.
(time)

4. Printed and distributed at _____:_____M.
(time)

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at _____:_____.M.
(time)

6. Read and (adopted) (failed) (as amended) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ years, _____ days, _____ present, not voting).

7. Ordered Engrossed _____:_____.M.
(time)

8. Engrossed.

9. Returned to Chief Clerk at _____:_____.M.
(time)

10. Sent to Senate.

Chief Clerk of the House

_____ 11. Received from the House.

_____ 12. Read first time and referred to Committee on _____

_____ 13. Reported favorably.

_____ 14. Ordered not printed by the Senate.

_____ 15. Immediate consideration ordered by (unanimous consent)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays)

_____ 16. Read and adopted.

Secretary of the Senate

_____ 17. Returned to the House.

_____ 18. Received from the Senate (with amendments).

_____ 19. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate Amendments by a (Non-Record
Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present,
not voting).

_____ 20. Conference Committee Ordered.

_____ 21. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record
Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

_____ 22. Ordered Enrolled at _____ : _____ M.
(time)